

CLAIMS:

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1. A method for providing a plurality of user services to a plurality of users
5 of a telecommunication network using a Personal Address Book, said method comprising
the steps of:

establishing an electronic Personal Address Book having an owner, said electronic
Personal Address Book containing connection information associated with selected ones
of said plurality of users of said telecommunication network;

10 receiving a request from said owner of said electronic Personal Address Book to
activate a selected one of said plurality of user services;

accessing said electronic Personal Address Book and obtaining connection
information for a selected one of said plurality of users from said Personal Address Book;
and

15 performing a selected one of said plurality of user services, said selected one of
said plurality of user services being performed using said connection information
retrieved from said electronic Personal Address Book.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein said service comprises virally extending a
20 subscribing community.

3. The method of claim 2 wherein said Personal Address Book includes e-mail addresses and comprising the further step of sending e-mail messages to said addresses.

4. A method for extending a subscribing community and providing user services using a Personal Address Book, said method comprising the steps of:

establishing a first Personal Address Book, said first Personal Address Book containing a plurality of entries, each of said entries having associated connection information and an associated user;

10 marking selected ones of said plurality of entries;

sending an invitation to said associated users of said entries marked in said marking step by utilizing said connection information in said entries marked in said marking step; and

15 receiving acceptances from the associated user of selected ones of said entries marked in said marking step and, in response to receiving each of said acceptances, creating a second Personal Address Book.

5. The method of claim 4, further comprising:

20 receiving a voice message from a user, said voice message requesting a connection to a destination number;

determining the content of said voice message;

retrieving said connection information from said first Personal Address Book based upon said content of said voice message, wherein said connection information is

sufficient to establish a communicative connection between said user and said destination number; and

making said connection between said user and said destination number using said connection information.

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6. The method of claim 4 wherein said step of establishing said Personal Address Book includes creating a new Personal Address Book.

7. The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of filling said entries
10 of said Personal Address Book with information.

8. The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of creating a linkage to a plurality of services, wherein said services include e-mail.

15 9. A node in a telecommunications network comprising:

access means for accessing a Personal Address Book, said Personal Address Book containing connection information associated with selected ones of a plurality of users of said telecommunication network;

20 connection determination means, coupled to said access means, for obtaining said connection information from said Personal Address Book;

service access means, coupled to said connection determination means, for accessing a user service;

reception means for receiving a request to activate said user service;

performance means, coupled to said reception means, for performing, in response to said request, said user service, said user service performed using said connection information from said Personal Address Book.

5 10. The service node of claim 9 further comprising creation means, coupled to said access means, for creating said Personal Address Book.

11. The service node of claim 10 further comprising storage means, coupled to said creation means, for storing information in said Personal Address Book.

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12. A service node in a telecommunications network comprising:
access means for accessing a Personal Address Book, said Personal Address Book containing a plurality of callers;

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selection means, coupled to said access means, for selecting callers in said Personal Address Book as invited callers;

contact means, coupled to said selection means, for contacting said invited callers and asking said selected callers to join a subscribing community;

reception means for receiving an answer from said invited callers; and

creation means, coupled to said reception means, for creating a plurality of second

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Personal Address Books in response to receiving said answer from said invited callers.

13. A service node in a telecommunications network, said telecommunications network having a plurality of users, said node comprising:

a Voice-Activated Dialing module for receiving messages from an owner of a Personal Address Book, said Personal Address Book comprising connection information, said Voice-Activated Dialing module also determining the contents of said messages; and

a Personal Address Book services module coupled to said Voice-Activated
5 Dialing module, said Personal Address Book services module accessing said Personal Address Book and providing Personal Address Book services in response to the receipt of said messages, wherein said services include virally extending a subscribing community using said connection information in said Personal Address Book.

10 14. The service node of claim 13 wherein said Personal Address Book contains a plurality of entries and said Personal Address Book services further include creating a Personal Address Book, making a communicative connection to a selected one of said plurality of entries of said Personal Address Book, and sending an e-mail to an address contained in said Personal Address Book.

15 15. A computer program at a service node comprising:
first code for accessing a Personal Address Book, said Personal Address Book containing a plurality of callers;

second code for selecting callers in said Personal Address Book as invited callers;

20 third code for contacting said invited callers and asking said selected callers to join a subscribing community;

fourth code for receiving an answer from said invited callers; and

fifth code for creating a plurality of second Personal Address Books in response to receiving said answer from said invited callers.

16. A system for accessing network services comprising:

a wireless device;

a telecommunications network coupled to said wireless device; and

a service node, said service node comprising a Voice-Activated Dialing module for receiving messages from an owner of a Personal Address Book, said messages transmitted from said wireless device via said telecommunication network, said Personal Address Book comprising connection information, said Voice-Activated Dialing module also determining the contents of said messages; and a Personal Address Book services module coupled to said Voice-Activated Dialing module, said Personal Address Book services module accessing said Personal Address Book and providing Personal Address Book services in response to the receipt of said messages, wherein said services include virally extending a subscribing community using said connection information in said Personal Address Book.